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Muddy Fields Delay Planting Progress

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures throughout the state varied from 7° above to 3° below average, ranging from 10 to 34 degrees at night and from 53 to 66 degrees during the day. The state received moisture in most areas, ranging from a low of 0.21 inches around the Salmon area to a high of 1.36 inches in the Boise area. For the week ending April 2, wet and muddy conditions delayed major agricultural activities.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Idaho's lambing averages 84% complete, and calving is 88% complete. Hay and Roughage supplies average 8% very short, 11% short, 80% adequate, and 1% surplus. Muddy field conditions continue to complicate lambing and calving in Caribou County, though livestock in Franklin County won a good report, and Custer County cattle are being branded, according to County Extension Educators.

Field Crop Report

Across Idaho, winter wheat is in good condition. For all other crops, Idaho is well behind last year and state 5-year averages for sown acres. Rainfall delayed planting across Elmore, Franklin, Power, Caribou, and Washington counties, curtailing even sandy soil tillage efforts in Minidoka, according to County Extension Educators. Snow still covers Teton County fields. An exception was reported in Latah County, where fieldwork is underway.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture was reported to be 3% short, 54% adequate, and 43% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2006	2005	Average
Oats Planted	3	15	13
Onions Planted	4	21	41
Dry Peas Planted	2	10	10

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat	0	0	9	86	5
Irr. Water Supply	1	1	1	36	61

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg	2006	2005	Avg
Spring Wheat Planted.....	1	46	17	10	39	53	7	55	35	0	5	10	2	26	17
Barley Planted.....	1	21	9	3	39	50	4	36	37	0	0	2	1	16	13
Sugarbeets Planted.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	39	42	0	21	16	0	0	12	1	16	20

Avg (2001 – 2005); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 2, 2006 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature 2/				Growing Degree Days 4/			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept 3/	40° Base	50° Base		Total 5/	Dept 3/	Month of April	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D' Alene	57	28	44	1	59	0	0	0.22	-0.11	0.22	0.88	2.73
Grangeville	55	24	42	0	33	0	0	0.56	-0.06	0.00	2.83	2.57
Lewiston	62	32	49	1	172	15	0	0.45	0.19	0.41	1.35	1.19
Sand Point	54	30	42	0	36	0	0	0.44	-0.08	0.00	1.94	3.01
Southwest												
Boise	61	33	47	1	125	10	0	1.36	1.06	0.16	2.52	1.51
Caldwell	64	28	48	0	152	20	0	0.40	0.10	0.23	0.84	1.38
Emmett	62	29	45	-2	120	12	0	1.28	0.95	0.35	2.65	1.67
Mountain Home	66	27	52	7	174	24	0	0.77	0.53	0.13	0.87	1.22
Parma	65	30	--	--	122	11	0	0.57	0.31	0.24	1.15	1.27
Weiser	64	34	--	--	109	4	0	0.35	0.08	0.00	1.47	1.35
South-Central												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.02
Burley	57	22	41	-2	28	0	0	0.41	0.20	0.00	1.84	1.10
Hill City	--	--	--	--	0	0	0	0.00	-0.24	0.00	0.00	1.31
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.09
Malta	57	19	41	-3	51	0	0	0.48	0.32	0.05	1.33	0.83
Twin Falls												
East												
Aberdeen	60	25	42	0	62	2	0	0.18	-0.07	0.04	1.36	1.23
	--	--	--	--	12	0	0	0.00	-0.17	0.00	0.65	0.85
Grace	54	10	--	--	4	0	0	0.80	0.50	0.40	1.82	1.49
Idaho Falls	53	27	39	0	12	0	0	0.63	0.42	0.17	1.46	0.99
Malad City	--	--	--	--	12	0	0	0.00	-0.25	0.00	0.00	1.24
Pocatello	54	23	40	-1	14	0	0	0.61	0.33	0.10	1.72	1.40
Rexburg	54	21	38	0	10	0	0	0.73	0.51	0.16	1.61	1.17
Salmon	57	21	--	--	52	0	--	0.21	0.21	--	0.42	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center, the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated.
2/ -- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received; no estimates were made for missing data.